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COMMENTS ON CORRECTIONS

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Page 5, line 4: Mr. Lendvay uses the term stock ~~presumably in its~~ papermaking connotation of a water suspension. It seems not much different from a slurry; if you use the phrase, probably insertion of "liquid" or some other clarification is required.

Page 6, line 14: If there is no exchange of air, the limited oxygen is used up without consuming significant amounts of the product. If you want to cover the situation where the heat treatment takes place under a steady gas flow, the limiting temperature for air according to Mr. Lendvay is about 450°C.

line 23: vacuum

line 24: Strike out this paragraph. The preceding paragraph says it all.

Page 9, line 6: Add: the remaining extractables may be recombined with the stems before pyrolysis.

line 9: However, in...

line 23: Sentence deleted: This is a complex question.

Study Example 7. The harshness may be a desirable quality if the delivery has otherwise been diminished to give an insipid cigarette. The "preferred embodiment" depends on the ultimate use.

Page 10, line 11: See above, page 6, line 14.

line 24: I would delete "only" from Lendvay's insertion. Also, see above regarding term "stock."

Page 11, line 1: This again refers to wet grinding or "refining."

line 13: The slurry concentration depends on the reconstitution process being applied. This is known in the art and is not part of the invention. The same reasoning is behind the deletion of the final paragraph.

line 16: ...paper making process, by casting sheet material, by extrusion, or with other known reconstitution processes.

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Page 12, line 5: Add also: "Homogenization results in a product with more pleasing appearance, and more importantly, gives a product with uniform burning characteristics."

Page 15, line 11: delete reconstituted

line 17: ...by Waring blender...

line 25: delete and stalks

Page 16, line 1: ...by washing with 2000 lb of water at 50°C, for a time sufficient to thoroughly wet the stems. The weight loss was about 25%.

Page 25, Claim 1: It would be better to disregard Lendvay's changes here except the deletion of reconstituted in (c).

Page 26, Claim 11: ...subsequent to step (a) the pyrolyzed...

Page 27, Claim 14: It would appear that this Claim can be deleted.

Page 28, Claim 18: (c) pulverizing the pyrolyzed tobacco by-product material; (d) adding about 5 to 75%...to a tobacco slurry; (e) ...; (f) forming the slurry...

Claim 20: ...wherein the tobacco by-product...

Claim 22: I think I agree with Lendvay.

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